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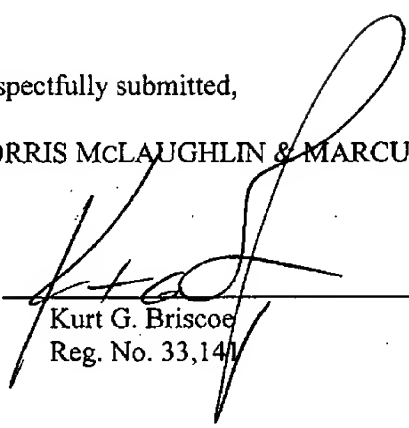
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement. Although the Examiner takes the position that the two groups of claims lack the same or corresponding special technical features, the fact remains that claims 25 and 26 recite the process of claim 22. Accordingly, the special technical features of claim 22 are, in fact, present in claims 25 and 26. Applicants submit that the Examiner either should withdraw the restriction requirement altogether.

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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